

Curios and Relics

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LINCOLN LIFE

Referred to
REC'D APR 14 1932

Answered
OFFICE OF PERMIT

April 12 1932

Mr Arthur Hall: President of the
Lincoln Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne Ind
Dear Mr Hall!

Enclosed you will find a Clipping
out of the Louisville Times of Feb 12th showing me
holding Abraham Lincoln's Reap Hook with
he used to cut Weed on his Father's Farm, when he
was a Boy. We have the genuine proof
of this Abe's Reap Hook!

Mr Price is an old man
over 80 years old, can't work no more and needs
help to get along, therefore he offers it for Sale.

A Friend of mine, who used
to work for your Company some years ago and
knows you personally well suggested to me
to write to you in this matter: saying to me:
Mr Arthur Hall is a great admirer
of old Lincoln Relics!

Mr Hall: I shall appreciate it very
much to hear from you soon!

Most Respectfully
Yours:
B. Doedone

HARTSON PRODUCTS CO

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LOUISVILLE KY

April 14, 1932

Mr. B. Hoechner
26-29 Our Home Life Building
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Hoeschner:

Your letter to Mr. Hall has been referred to this department which is in charge of the acquisition of Lincoln items. While I cannot feel that we would be interested in this curio for our own use in our museum, as we have not featured items of this sort, it might be possible we would be able to find a buyer.

If you will give us as much information as you can as to the authenticity of the reap hook and also have Mr. Price advise us what he is asking for it, we will see what we can do.

I lived at Hodgenville, Kentucky for three years and know that the Prices were close neighbors of the Lincolns on Knob Creek.

I should like very much to correspond with Mr. Price relative to the old Little Mount if he is familiar with the history of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

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THOROBRED BRANDS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 16, 1932

Mr. Louis A. Warren. Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Sir!

I thank you very much for your kind & prompt answer to my letter of the 12th & I was especially delighted to learn that you are personally acquainted in Georgetownville & also heard of the Price Family. —

I shall try to get the good old man Mr. Price to my office next Monday or Tuesday where we will talk the whole matter over and you will soon hear more from me.

Most Respectfully

Yours:

J. B. Hoedner

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LOUISVILLE, KY. *April 23rd 1932*

My dear Mr Lewis A Warren. Fort Wayne Ind

I confirm my letter of the 16th and to day I am in position to give you some more news you are expecting: last Thursday Price came to my office & I read to him your letter from the 14th & it pleased him extra much that you are acquainted personally in a corner of Hedgesville & therefore have heard already of the Price family and Mr Price suggested that I should write to you thus:

I, John D. Price am the Son of Charles Price who lived about 4 miles from Hodgenville on the Louisville & Nashville Pike at the Top of Mount Vernon Hill, La Rue City between New Haven and Buffalo: no doubt you might remember the Location; you might also have heard of Thomas Price who kept the La Rue City Poor House & he was also a Magistrate for several years.

Mr Price also knows well the little Mount Church which is about 3-4 miles from the John Price Home: there is a good Spring near the Church & a Friend of mine: Mr Fred Wint lived near the Church but he passed away several years ago!

I am in Louisville since April 1906 but visited
Hodgensville about every 5 years.

I also know Mr. Bill Warren who lived over on Brush Creek & he was a Friend of my Father Charles Price! — Dear Mr. Warren Mr. Price is a very good natured old man around 81 years old now a typical old Farmer: about 6 foot tall looks healthy — but he is getting a little shaky here lately: I notice such difference because I

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LOUISVILLE, KY. April 23 - 1932

I know Mr John D Price since 1907. -

Mr Warren: Mr Price is a very pleasant man to talk to - but he writes a very poor hand: I have sworn off clavisit about the Reap Book from him since 1907 in a very poor Handwriting: you can't hardly read it but he knows what he is talking about and when it comes to conversation between friends it's very pleasant to listen to him.

He is especially delighted to talk about Hodgenville & La Rue City since his Boyhood days and dear Mr Warren if you feel to write to him about happenings in & around Hodgenville & the little Mount Church he will be delighted to hear from you and if he thinks he might hardly be able to answer you correctly he will come to me & I shall fix up his answer with great pleasure.

Now in reference to the Reap book owned by Mr Price and me would advise that we would be glad if you give us your opinion as to the amount you feel this curio should be worth. This information would be appreciated as we believe you are likely in position to give us a good idea of the value of this item and any suggestion in this connection would be treated as confidential since our purpose is only a matter of arriving at some idea of the possible worth of this old Reap = Book.

Thanking you for this and past favors I am yours very

Respectfully

B. Houghner

Mr Price address: 1616 1/2 5th Street.

April 25, 1932

Mr. B. Hoechner
26-29 Income Life Building
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Hoechner:

Thank you very much for your letter giving an account with your conference with Mr. Price. I regret that I cannot be of some assistance to you in making an appraisal of the Reap Hook which he has in his possession, but our policy here will not allow us to take the initiative in any of these matters.

Of course, you realize that inasmuch as no other reap hook has ever been sold, which is alleged to have been in the possession of Lincoln, it would be difficult to place a price on this one.

While I do not think any one questions Mr. Price's integrity or the integrity of Austin Gollaher, yet over a period of 125 years it is rather difficult to determine the identity of a single reap hook that a boy may have used.

If Mr. Price will be willing to pay for the ads for his reap hook, we will attempt to find someone who would be interested in its purchase.

On one of my visits to Kentucky I should like very much to talk with Mr. Price and ask if he had heard the tradition about Thomas Lincoln's infant son being buried in the Little Mount Churchyard.

I would also like to know if he has any idea where the old Little Mount Church Books are now.

Hoping to hear from you further, I am

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

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LOUISVILLE, KY. 29 April 1932

Mr Louis. A. Warren Fort Wayne. Ind
Dear Mr Warren!

I received yours of the 25th and
thank you very much for all the information you gave
me concerning the remodeling of the Sale of Abraham
Lincoln's Keap Hook and I understood your
position in this matter fully!

You certainly must have a whole
lot of experience in judging the Value's of such
old Relics, but the same time it's very difficult
for anybody to appraise such old items, because
such Sales depend mostly on good luck to find a
great Lover of such rare Articles. —

Mr Warren you suggest that
if Mr. Price is willing to pay for the advertising
you would attempt to find some Persons who would
be interested in its Purchase: how much would
such advertisement cost about?

I hope to see Mr. Price about next Monday or Thursday

Under separate Cover I will
send you an old Copy of the Herald News of
Hodgenville Feb 25th 1926 wherein you
will see a Lincoln Address & also is mentioning
that the La Follette Family were neighbors of
the Lincoln Family.

I shall be very glad to hear
from you soon again, very Respectfully
Yours: B. Hodgkins

FACTORY PRODUCTS CO., INC.
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FACTORY PRODUCTS COMPANY

1234 5th Street, Louisville, Ky.

May 3, 1932

Mr. B. Hoechner
 Factory Products Co., Inc.
 26-29 Income Life Bldg.
 Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Hoechner:

I regret that my letter gave you the impression that we advertise or even receive commission on any kind of relics. We have no facilities for advertising and have no desire to enter into any agreement to sell anything. We do have inquiries, however, about curios but people are usually not interested until they know something about what the curio costs. That's why I suggested that if Mr. Price would give some idea of what he wants for the relic, we would be more apt to find a buyer for it. Please understand that we are not interested in acquiring the relic ourselves and will list it here in our Foundation merely in the hope somebody may wish to have it.

Sincerely yours,

Director

LAW:LE

B. H. HENDON

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May 8th 1932

Mr Louis A. Warren Fort Wayne Ind
Dear Mr Warren:

I am happy to learn
from your letter of May 3rd that I pleased you
so much in sending you a Copy of the Hendersonville
Herald of Feb 25th 1926 containing a write up
of a Speech you made that time about the Lincoln
& Lafollette Families were Neighbors one time

I am a great Collector of
interesting Clippings myself for the last 25
years: I used to make frequent Trips to Oklahoma
about that time Oklahoma Territory & Indian Territory
went into Statehood & since that time I have regular
Scrap-Books about important Happenings in
that grand new State — I have also plenty
important Clippings about the Life of the great
Alfalfa "Bill Murray" since he was President
of the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention &
I know him well personally!

Dear Mr Warren: Mr Price
gave me his Photo a few days ago to please send it
to you so you shall have a better idea with whom
you are dealing: This Photo was taken about 10
years ago: he looks just near the same now,
he is 87 years now but still has a good Memory!
Mr Warren: you will hear some more in the next
few days.

Most Respectfully

Yours: B. H. Hendon

"Enclosed Photo of Mr John B. Price"



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LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 13th 1932

Mr. Louis A. Warren - Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dear Mr. Warren:

Wednesday Mr. Price came to my Office again to talk the matters over again & suggested the Price he wants for the Reap Hook. The same time he brought with him our old Photo of his Home on Knob Creek in La Rue County with the idea of sending same to you thinking that you having been in Hodgenville for some years, you certainly must have seen his place. About 135 Acres, but yesterday & to day I am looking for it in vain: it's not lost just misplaced.

Therefore Mr. Warren please have a little more patience until you receive my next letter describing everything you like to know about the Reap Hook. Very truly
B. Hershman

B. Boechner

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 16. 1932

My dear Mr Louis A. Warren!

I confirm my letter of the 13th telling you of having misplaced a Photo taken over 40 years ago showing Mr Price's farm on the Nashville - Louisville Pike. I found the Photo again last Saturday afternoon in one of my standing Desk Drawers.

Mr Warren you will see Mr Price riding a horse & his little Boy on a white horse. The little Boy is now over 40 years old: of course that time Mr Price was a very vigorous young "Farmer", but although he is now over 80 years old he carries himself well & favors his likeness in the Photo still very much. — any body will say that — it's a pleasure to hear Mr Price talk about old times in La Rue County & you have a feeling that Everything he relates is absolutely straight forward talk. — He made me draw a little Sketch on the back of the Photo of how his Farm, Mr Austin Gallagher (his Uncle) & the Lincolns' were near neighbors! (on Knob Creek.) — Dear Mr. Warren you having lived in Hodgenville several years, no doubt will recognize those places having hiked "I guess" many times in that Vicinity. —

Mr Price will have some more Photos (Copies) made of this Picture. I shall send you this Photograph under separate Cover hoping that you will enjoy to look at same most cordially: —

B. Boechner

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 17th 1932

Mr Louis A. Warren Fort Wayne Ind
My dear Sir!

In your letter of May 3rd you suggested that Mr Price should say what Price he would accept for Abraham Lincoln's Reap Hook & now having talked the matter over with him several times he set the Price at \$10000⁰⁰ Ten Thousand Dollars & also said that if he wasn't a poor man he would not let it go at that.

Very truly yours

B. Honchner

B. Doechner

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THOROBBRED BRANDS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 18th 1932

Mr Louis A. Warren Fort Wayne, Ind.

In my last letter I advised that I shall send you under separate cover the picture of the Price Farm in La Rue County.

Dear Mr Warren, because you have now a photo of Mr Price, it just comes in my mind that it might please you, if I send you one of mine too. Because the longer I correspond with a Party the more I desire to get an idea how the Gentlemen look with whom I am dealing with. — I am a Swiss American and over here over 40 years; the last 15 years I was mostly engaged in wholesale Aluminum China Ware.

Dear Mr Warren, I should appreciate it very highly if you could favor me with a Photograph of yours: if it is convenient to you!

I am most Respectfully Yours: B. Doechner

Photo go extra to day!

H. HOECHST

FACTORY PRODUCTS CO.

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THOROBRED BRANDS

LOUISVILLE, KY.

May 26th 1932

Mr Louis A. Warren Fort Wayne Ind
Dear Mr Warren

I am very thankful to you for the kind information you gave me in your very esteemed letter of May 19th respecting the Rocking Chair Abe Lincoln was seated in at the Ford Theatre

When Mr Price & I agreed on \$10000 = we listened to some of so called big Business men - with big Ideas, I myself suggested 4 to 5000 at the start. —

Now dear Mr Warren since I have heard from you who has great Experience in such matters, I am going to talk things over with Mr Price the next few days. —

Mr Warren I noticed in the Louisville Courier of the 21st that you will be the main Speaker in Frankfort June 7th at the meeting of the Kentucky State Historical Society & I heartily congratulate you

Most Respectfully

Yours B. Hochman

B. Doechner

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June 2^d 1912

Mr Louis A. Warren, Fort Wayne, Ind
Dear Mr Warren!

May 26th I wrote you that
I shall talk the matter over with Mr John D. Price
who is the Owner of the Reap Thresh & show him
to do your kind letter of May 19th explaining
to us what the old Rocking chair brought where
Mr Lincoln was shot.

Mr Price said that your opinion in this matter
is very logical & as I have hardly any chance
to live many more years (am now 81) I better
about figure to high Price so I can enjoy what I get
for while I am living. But he suggests that
with your big influence he should get anyhow
not less than \$1200⁰⁰

We shall appreciate to
hear from you soon again.

Most Respectfully

Yours, B. Doechner

John D. Price

Mr Warren!

June 2nd 1932

Enclosed a clipping from the days Courier
concerning your speech you are going
to make in Frankfurt June 7th

Yours, B. Hochman

FACTORY PRODUCTS COMPANY

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 9, 1932

Dict. June 8

Mr. E. Hoechner
Factory Products Company
26-29 Our Home Life Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Hoechner:

It is always a distasteful task to advise one that they have been very much misinformed about the value of the relics which they may have in their possession, but I do not feel I would be fair with you if I did not say that the appraisal which you have placed upon the Reap Hook has been greatly exaggerated.

I attended an auction in Chicago last week and here are some of the prices which the very valuable curios brought. A chair used by Abraham Lincoln and his family in the White House duly authenticated, sold for \$250. A gold cane presented by Abraham Lincoln and his wife to Dr. P. D. Durley sold for \$200.

Many other souvenirs said to have come from Lincoln's mother, his wife, and others associated with him sold anywhere from \$4 to \$25.

I regret to say I feel that you cannot anticipate any price that would appear to you adequate for the Reap Hook.

I appreciate very much your interest about it, and of course we would be very happy to record it here in our Foundation, and if there are those who are in the market for such items and we learn of them, we shall be glad to put you in touch with them.

I have been glad to look over the pictures you sent and under separate cover I am pleased to enclose them.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

B. Hoechner

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

June 22^d 1932

Dr Louis A. Warren Fort Wayne Ind
Dear Mr Warren!

The Content of your dear Letter of June 9th pleased me very much. The Reason why I didn't answer you sooner is that that I didn't have a chance to talk to Mr Price since — I like all your arguments on such Curios very much because you are an Authority on such matters: having vast experience in such line. As soon as I have seen Mr Price, which I hope will be in the next several days, you shall hear from me again.

I thank you extra very much for your leaflet with your clear Photo in it. I surely appreciate it very highly & I would be very happy if you would please send me a half a dozen more of those pamphlets.

Cordially yours:

B. Hoechner

June 23, 1932

Mr. B. Hoechner
Factory Products Company
26-29 Our Home Life Building
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Hoechner:

Enclosed you will please find copies of the
little booklet for which you inquired, and if you care
for more of them we will be happy to provide them.

Very sincerely, yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB
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B. Hoechner

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

July 7th 1932

Dr Louis. A. Warren Fort Wayne. Ind
Dear Mr Warren!

After receiving your estimable letter of June 9th & after studying its contents very carefully I was talking the matter over with Mr Price several days ago!

Mr Price said: of course it's a difficult matter to put the real Price on such a Relic because you don't know the circumstances of the prospective buyer, therefore Mr Warren we appreciate your kind advise to us about fixing any amount the owner expects to get for it.

Now: Mr Price said this to me:

You please write thus to Mr Warren: Mr Price is getting older every day & at his age a man can't expect to live much longer anymore, therefore Mr Hoechner you suggest to Dr Warren that I expect to get any how about \$250.00 for the old Abraham Lincoln Reap Hook.

Mr Warren I shall be very thankful to hear from you some again and am most Respectfully

Yours

B. Hoechner

"Thanks very much for your letter B. Hoechner"

July 13, 1932

Mr. B. Hoechner
26-29 Our Home Life Building
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Hoechner:

I have read your recent letter relative to the price which has been placed upon the reap hook, and will make a memorandum of the facts and attach it to the correspondence we have previously had about this interesting curio. You may feel sure if I can find someone interested in this relic that I will advise you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB



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Some years ago I bought
what was purported to be a sickle or
reap hook which was used by Abraham Lincoln
and I am wondering whether you have any
information on its authenticity.

I have an affidavit with it, as
well as copies of two character testimonials
as to the man who sold it to me.

Enclosed is an envelope for your
convenience in replying.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT J. SHACKLETON

RJS/BS

Thank you.

CURIA Reeb Hook

Shackleton Piano Company

Louisville, Kentucky

May 22, 1940

Mr. Robert J. Shackleton
Shackleton Piano Company
307-9 W. Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Shackleton:

We do not seem to have on hand any information about a certain reep hook which Abraham Lincoln is said to have used.

If you can give us the wording of the affidavit which may imply where it was used and at what time, we might assist you somewhat in proving its authenticity.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

My Dear Mr. Shackleton,



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Acknowledging your letter of
May 22nd, you may be interested to know that I
was in Fort Wayne and telephoned you a week ago
Tuesday.

Upon arriving home I found a number
of distinguished gentlemen had been to Louisville
and Hodgenville on a Lincoln pilgrimage.

Enclosed is a copy of the affidavit
on the reape hook which is supposed to have belonged
to Abe Lincoln and a couple of substantiating statements
from R. T. Durrett and J. M. Atherton, both deceased.

Your opinion on the question of the authenticity
and probable value of the reape hook will be greatly
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT J. SHACKLETON

RJS/BS

Louisville, Kentucky.
September 5, 1932.

I, John D. Price of Larue County, Ky., Charles Price, my father was a native of Larue County, born and raised near the Lincoln birth place in Larue Co., Ky.

When Thomas Lincoln moved from the birth place of Abe Lincoln he moved about eight miles north on the head waters of Knob Creek. His close neighbor was Thomas Gallaher the father of Austin Gallaher and Austin and Lincoln were great boy friends and went to school together on Knob Creek.

Thomas Gallaher got the reap hook from Thomas Lincoln and when Austin came to manhood he married my father's sister, Polly Price, which made him my uncle by marriage and Uncle Austin's father died. He lived and died on his father's farm. Many years before the Civil War my father bought the reap hook from uncle Austin and after Abe Lincoln was president of the United States, Uncle Austin came to my father's house one day and said to my father, "Charles have you still got that reap hook I sold you. You know it was Tom Lincoln's reap hook and Abe has cut many a weed with it when he lived on Knob Creek, and if I had ever thought that Abe would have been president of the United States I would not have sold it".

So my father said, "Well, Austin, I will see about it". So my father kept the hook, so I never heard them say anything more about it. I was the only son of my father and after my father's death I bought all of the farming tools and that is how I became the owner of the reap hook. In 1906 I came to Louisville to make it my home so I brought the old reap hook with me. It is a hand forged hook and shows the wear of several generations.

(Signed) John D. Price
The Owner.

State of Kentucky)S.S.
County of Jefferson)

A Notary Public
for the County and State aforesaid do
certify that the foregoing instrument of
writing was this day produced to me in my
office and acknowledged and sworn to by
John D. Price, party thereto, to be his act
and deed.

My commission expires December 24, 1935.
Witness my hand this the 17th day of May, 1933.

(Signed) J. F. Will, Jr.
N.P. J.C. Ky.

(C O P Y)

Louisville, Ky.
February 7, 1908.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you John D. Price, a native of my old country Larue, I have known Mr. Price since boyhood. He worked for our firm for many years and has always been sober and honest.

I knew his father and Mr. Austin Gallaher, a boy friend and play mate of Mr. Lincoln. I think Mr. Price can be relied on for correct statement and his reports of the reap hook is in line so far as the parties go with the facts.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. M. Atherton

(C O P Y)

Louisville, Ky.
February 23, 1908.

To Whom It May Concern:

I knew Austin Gallaher referred to above.
He was fond in his old age of talking about President
Lincoln's boyhood. He was very trustworthy and an
interesting man. I think he was in the age of ninety,
respected by all who knew him.

Signed

R. T. Durrett.

June 21, 1940

Mr. Robert J. Shackleton
Shackleton Piano Company
307-9 W. Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Shackleton:

It is to be regretted that I was in Kentucky at the same time you were in Fort Wayne. I regret that I did not have an opportunity to meet you.

It would appear that inasmuch as the Gollahers and the Lincolns *was right* and it is quite likely that some farm implements would be exchanged between them by barter or sale but I could not give you any idea as to what the value of the reap book might be.

We are not allowed in this Foundation to appraise articles and I think the price of it would depend entirely upon how anxious one might be to acquire it. I regret we do not assemble articles of that type here in our Museum.

Yours very truly,

LAW:BS

Director

